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Mr. Timothy L. Nord Hanford Project Manager State of Washington Department of Ecology Mail Stop PV-11 Lacey, Washington 98503

Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:

HANFORD DANGEROUS WASTE TANK SYSTEM COMPLIANCE

Since our 1st negotiating session on the new milestone in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) for a Dangerous Waste Tank System Compliance Plan, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) has re-evaluated its proposed schedule. Please find enclosed a revised schedule. We would like to discuss this proposed schedule at our next negotiating session.

Please contact Mr. Steve D. Stites, DOE-RL, on (509) 376-8556, or Mr. Bradley Erlandson, Westinghouse Hanford Company, on (509) 376-5959, to arrange the next negotiating session.

Sincerely,

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Tri-Party Agreement Project Office

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Enclosure:

cc w/o encl: R. E. Lerch, WHC

J. B. Veneziano, WHC



PROPOSED INTERIM STATUS TANK HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER MILESTONES

M-XX-00	Complete Dangerous Waste Tank Corrective Actions	Apr. 96
	Complete dangerous waste tank interim status corrective actions excluding activities identified in M-23-00 and additional actions resulting from performance of tank system integrity assessments or engineering studies.	
	Scheduled completion dates for tank system integrity assessment reports are contingent upon State acceptance of integrity assessment plans.	
	Additional corrective actions identified through performance of tank integrity assessments will be considered for inclusion in Milestone M-XX-00. These additional actions identified may not be completed prior to April 1996.	
M-XX-01	Complete Dangerous Waste Tank Interim Status Target Actions for the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP).	July 95
Target	Complete Integrity Assessment Plan for PFP Interim Status Tank System.	Sept. 91
Target	Complete Engineering Study to Evaluate Secondary Containment Upgrades for Building 234-5Z Waste Piping.	Mar. 92
Target	Complete Integrity Assessment Report for PFP Interim Status Tank System.	Sept. 92
Target	Complete Interim Status Tank Upgrades for 241-Z Tank System.	July 95
M-XX-02	Complete Dangerous Waste Tank Interim Status Target Actions for T Plant.	Sept. 92
Target	Complete Integrity Assessment Plan for T Plant Interim Status Tank System.	Sept. 91
Target	Complete Integrity Assessment Report for T Plant Interim Status Tank System.	Sept. 92
Target	Complete T Plant Engineering Study to Determine Necessary Secondary Containment/Leak Detection Upgrades.	Sept. 91

Complete Integrity Assessment Report for

Evaporator Interim Status Tank System.

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The Washington Administrative Code 173-303-640, "Tank Systems," requires that: (1) an integrity assessment for dangerous waste tank systems be performed by January 12, 1990, and (2) for waste tank systems greater than 15 years of age, secondary containment be provided by January 12, 1991. As manifested in our ongoing negotiations with your staff to establish a Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone for dangerous waste tank system compliance, it is apparent that many of Hanford's active dangerous waste tank systems are not operated in accordance with these requirements.

Unless evidence of unsafe operating conditions exist, it is our intent to continue operation of these tanks while pursuing approval of a Tri-Party Agreement Milestone. A proposed corrective action schedule for Hanford's dangerous waste tank systems is enclosed to reestablish our negotiations. It is important to note that, although a corrective action schedule has not been approved by all parties, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) is working to correct the known deficiencies according to the schedules identified in the enclosure.

Since our last negotiating session on the new Milestone in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order for a dangerous waste tank system compliance plan, DOE-RL has re-evaluated its proposed schedule. Please find atttached a revised schedule. We would like to discuss this proposed schedule at our next negotiating session.

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